

196962

THE STATE-RECORD CO., INC.
Columbia, South Carolina
publisher of

The State

RECEIVED

JAN 22 2009

PSC SC
DOCKETING DEPT.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Brian Nalepa, Advertising Operations
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Notice of Filing and Hearing – Docket No. 2008-⁴⁴⁷~~477~~ E

COPY

Posted: led

Dept: S.A./RES

Date: 1/22/09

Time: 9:45

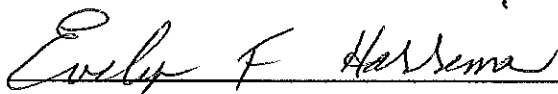
was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation for the State
of South Carolina published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid,
in the issues of

January 13, 2009



Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day January 16, 2009



Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

*"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in
or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."*

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKETING
DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF
FILING**

DOCKET NO.
2008-447-E

Petition to Establish
Docket to Fulfill the State
Requirements of the
Energy Independence &
Security Act of 2007

The South Carolina
Office of Regulatory Staff
(ORS) has filed a Petition
to Establish a Docket to
Consider Implementing
the Requirements of
Section 1307 (State Con-
sideration of Smart Grid)
of the Energy Indepen-
dence and Security Act
of 2007 (EISA) with the
Public Service Commis-
sion of South Carolina
(the Commission). Sec-
tion 1301 of EISA pro-
vides that "It is the policy
of the United States to
support the moderniza-

tion of the Nation's elec-
tricity transmission and
distribution system to
maintain a reliable and
secure electricity infra-
structure that can meet
future demand
growth, which together
characterize a Smart
Grid." According to the
ORS's Petition, a "smart
grid" is a distribution sys-
tem that allows for flow of
information from a cus-
tomer's meter in two
directions - into the
house to thermostats,
appliances, and other
devices, and from the
house to the utility. Fur-
ther, the smart grid
includes a variety of
operational and energy
measures, including
smart meters, smart
appliances, renewable
energy resources, and
energy efficiency
resources. Section 1301
of EISA also supports
increased use of digital
information and controls
technology to improve
reliability, security, and
efficiency of the electric
grid.

Section 1307(a)(16) of
EISA provides guidance
to states regarding their
considerations of smart
grid investments.
According to Section
1307(a)(16)(A) of EISA,
each state shall consider
requiring that, prior to
undertaking investments
in nonadvanced grid
technologies, an electric
utility of the State
demonstrate to the State
that the electric utility
considered an invest-
ment in a qualified smart
grid system based on
appropriate factors,
including: total costs;
cost-effectiveness;
improved reliability;
security; system per-
formance; and societal ben-
efit.

Section
1307(a)(16)(B) requires
each State to consider
authorizing each electric
utility of the State to
recover from ratepayers
any capital, operating
expenditure, or other
costs of the electric utility
relating to the deploy-
ment of a qualified smart
grid system, including a
reasonable rate of return
on the capital expendi-
tures of the electric utility
for the deployment of the
qualified smart grid sys-
tem.

A copy of the ORS's Peti-
tion can be obtained from
the Commission at the
following address: Pub-
lic Service Commission
of South Carolina, Dock-
eting Department, 101
Executive Center Drive,
Columbia, South Caroli-
na 29210. Additionally,
the Petition is available
on the Commission's
website at

www.psc.sc.gov and is
available from Nanette S.
Edwards, Esquire and
Shannon Bowyer Hud-
son, Esquire, South Car-
olina Office of Regulatory
Staff, 1401 Main Street,
Suite 900, Columbia,
South Carolina 29201.

Any person who wishes
to participate in this mat-
ter, as a party of record
with the right of cross-
examination should file a
Petition to Intervene in
accordance with the
Commission's Rules of
Practice and Procedure
on or before February
27, 2009, and indicate
the amount of time
required for his presenta-
tion. Please include an
email address for receipt
of future Commission
correspondence in the
Petition to Intervene.
Please refer to Docket
No. 2008-447-E.

Any person who wishes
to testify and present evi-
dence at the hearing,
when scheduled, should
notify the Docketing
Department, in writing, at
the address below, the
Office of Regulatory
Staff, at 1401 Main
Street, Suite 900, Colum-
bia, South Carolina
29201, on or before Feb-
ruary 27, 2009, and indi-
cate the amount of time
required for his presenta-
tion. Please refer to
Docket No. 2008-447-E.

Any person, who wishes
to be notified of the hear-
ing, but does not wish to
present testimony or be a
party of record, may do
so by notifying the Dock-
eting Department, in writ-
ing, at the address below
on or before February
27, 2009. Please refer to
Docket No. 2008-447-E.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
Any person who wishes
to have his or her com-
ments considered as part
of the official record of
this proceeding **MUST**
present such comments,
in person, to the Com-
mission during the hear-
ing.

Persons seeking infor-
mation about the Com-
mission's Procedures
should contact the Com-
mission at (803) 896-
5100.

Public Service Commis-
sion of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing
Department
Post Office Drawer
11649
Columbia,
South Carolina 29211
12/23/08